



# Economic Growth Region 1

Statistical Data Report for April 2014, Released May 2014

## Regional and State Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally lower in April. Forty-three states had unemployment rate decreases, two states had increases, and five states and the District of Columbia had no change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Forty-seven states and the District of Columbia had unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier, one state had an increase, and two states had no change. The national jobless rate fell to 6.3 percent from March and was 1.2 percentage points lower than in April 2013.



## Economic Growth Region (EGR) 1

Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Newton, Jasper, Starke and Pulaski Counties.

### April 2014 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Apr 2014 Rate	Mar 2014 Rate	Apr 2013 Rate
U.S.	154,845,000	145,767,000	9,079,000	5.9%	6.8%	7.1%
IN	3,211,651	3,033,482	178,169	5.5%	6.2%	7.4%
Gary Metro Div	330,471	306,653	23,818	7.2%	8.0%	8.5%
MichCity-LaP MSA	48,675	45,123	3,552	7.3%	8.6%	9.5%
EGR 1	396,149	367,766	28,383	7.2%	8.0%	8.6%
Lake Co.	223,563	206,467	17,096	7.6%	8.4%	9.0%
Porter Co.	84,274	79,133	5,141	6.1%	6.9%	7.1%
LaPorte Co.	48,675	45,123	3,552	7.3%	8.6%	9.5%
Newton Co.	6,777	6,351	426	6.3%	8.1%	8.4%
Jasper Co.	15,857	14,702	1,155	7.3%	8.3%	8.4%
Starke Co.	10,393	9,677	716	6.9%	8.2%	9.4%
Pulaski Co.	6,610	6,313	297	4.5%	5.6%	5.7%
Gary	28,711	25,706	3,005	10.5%	10.5%	13.3%
Hammond	33,453	30,846	2,607	7.8%	8.5%	9.6%
East Chicago	9,875	8,805	1,070	10.8%	10.5%	11.2%
Hobart	14,248	12,935	1,313	9.2%	10.0%	9.5%
Merrillville	17,840	16,567	1,273	7.1%	7.6%	8.2%
Michigan City	13,209	11,775	1,434	10.9%	11.8%	10.7%
Portage	18,234	16,816	1,418	7.8%	8.2%	8.3%
Schererville	15,606	14,749	857	5.5%	6.2%	6.4%
Valparaiso	16,208	15,371	837	5.2%	6.3%	6.5%
Crown Point	13,675	12,789	886	6.5%	7.2%	7.5%
LaPorte	9,411	9,185	226	2.4%	3.3%	8.9%

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Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

## Unemployment Rates by State, April 2014 (seasonally adjusted)

U.S. -6.3%  
 Illinois -7.9%  
**Indiana -5.7%**  
 Kentucky -7.7%  
 Michigan -7.4%  
 Ohio-5.7%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Unemployment Rank by County, April 2014 (high to low)

#3 Lake 7.6%  
 #4 Jasper 7.3%  
 #5 LaPorte 7.3%  
 #10 Starke 6.9%  
 #22 Newton 6.3%  
 #32 Porter 6.1%  
 #81 Pulaski 4.5%

Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

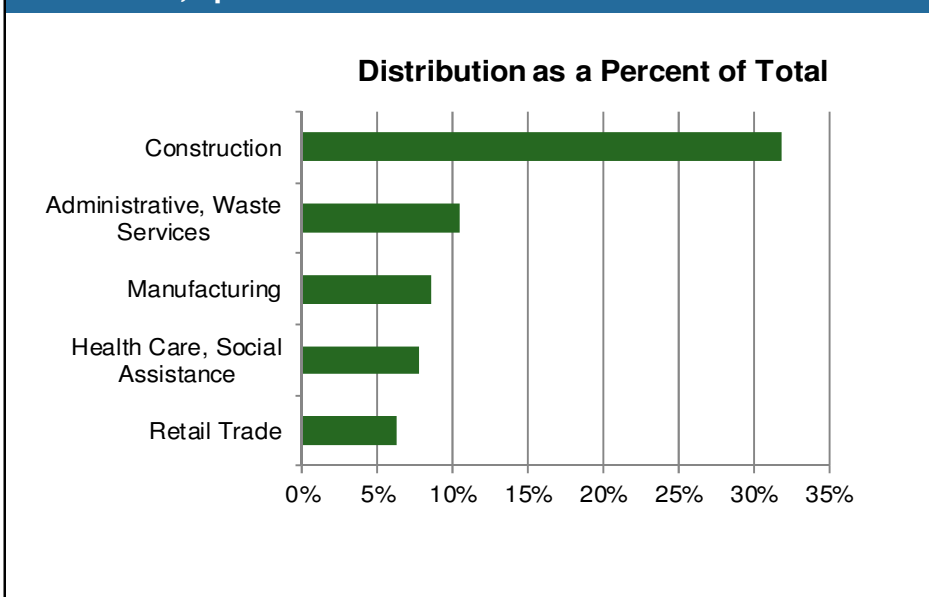
### Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to April 2014 from:

CPI Item	Apr-13	Mar-14	Apr-13	Mar-14
	Midwest Region*		U.S. City	
<b>All Items</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
Food & Beverages	2.2%	0.4%	1.8%	0.4%
Housing	2.5%	0.0%	2.5%	-0.1%
Apparel	1.3%	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%
Transportation	0.8%	0.9%	1.5%	1.6%
Medical Care	3.1%	0.2%	2.4%	0.2%
Recreation	0.1%	0.3%	0.6%	0.2%
Education & Communication	2.1%	0.3%	1.5%	0.1%
Other Goods & Services	2.2%	0.2%	1.7%	0.1%

\*Midwest region = Midwest Urban Average. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

### Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 1 Industries, April 2014



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, UI Statistics

### WARN Notices

#### WARN Notices for Region 1 - April 2014

Company	City	County	Affected Workers	Notice Date
Allegheny Technologies Incorporated	LaPorte	LaPorte	123	4/22/2014

For information on WARN Act requirements, go to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment Training Administration Fact Sheet: <http://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm>

### Unemployment Claims, April 2014

#### Economic Growth Region 1 (EGR1)

##### Initial Claims

April 5, 2014- 509(D)

April 12, 2014- 821

April 19, 2014- 549(D)

April 26, 2014- 674(D)

##### Continued Claims

April 5, 2014- 6,358

April 12, 2014- 5,810

April 19, 2014- 5,525

April 26, 2014- 5,302

##### Total Claims\*

April 5, 2014- 6,867

April 12, 2014- 6,631

April 19, 2014- 6,074

April 26, 2014- 5,976

(D): Indicates one or more counties are excluded due to non-disclosure issues.

#### State of Indiana

##### Initial Claims

April 5, 2014- 3,803

April 12, 2014- 5,432

April 19, 2014- 3,922

April 26, 2014- 4,138

##### Continued Claims

April 5, 2014- 40,524

April 12, 2014- 36,952

April 19, 2014- 34,760

April 26, 2014- 32,547

##### Total Claims\*

April 5, 2014- 44,337

April 12, 2014- 42,384

April 19, 2014- 38,682

April 26, 2014- 36,685

Total claims include EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) and EB (State Extended Benefits). Please see [www.hoosierdata.in.gov](http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov) for additional information.

Source: IN Dept of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, UI Statistics

## Gary Metropolitan Division Wage and Salaried Employment, April 2014

				Number Change	Percent Change	Number Change	Percent Change
Industry	Apr-14	Mar-14	Apr-13	Mar-14 to April-14		April-13 to April-14	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>275,200</b>	<b>269,000</b>	<b>275,000</b>	<b>6,200</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>Total Private Employment</b>	<b>239,100</b>	<b>233,100</b>	<b>239,100</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	<b>52,500</b>	<b>49,600</b>	<b>55,800</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>-3,300</b>	<b>-5.9%</b>
---Mining & Logging	100	100	200	0	0.0%	-100	-50.0%
---Construction	16,900	14,100	19,800	2,800	19.9%	-2,900	-14.7%
---Manufacturing	35,500	35,400	35,800	100	0.3%	-300	-0.8%
Durable Goods	28,700	28,600	28,400	100	0.4%	300	1.1%
Primary Metal Mfg	17,800	17,900	18,100	-100	-0.6%	-300	-1.7%
Iron and Steel Mills	16,500	16,600	16,600	-100	-0.6%	-100	-0.6%
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	<b>222,700</b>	<b>219,400</b>	<b>219,200</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
Private Service Providing	186,600	183,500	183,300	3,100	1.7%	3,300	1.8%
---Trade, Transp, & Utilities	58,800	58,500	57,000	300	0.5%	1,800	3.2%
Wholesale Trade	9,500	9,500	9,400	0	0.0%	100	1.1%
Retail Trade	34,100	33,900	32,300	200	0.6%	1,800	5.6%
Gen Merch Stores	7,000	6,900	6,500	100	1.5%	500	7.7%
Other Gen Merch Stores	3,600	3,500	3,400	100	2.9%	200	5.9%
Transp/Warehousing/Utils	15,200	15,100	15,300	100	0.7%	-100	-0.7%
---Information	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Financial Activities	8,700	8,600	8,700	100	1.2%	0	0.0%
---Professional & Business	22,900	22,400	22,400	500	2.2%	500	2.2%
Employment Services	3,500	3,400	3,400	100	2.9%	100	2.9%
---Educational & Health	47,900	47,000	48,700	900	1.9%	-800	-1.6%
Educational Services	7,500	6,700	8,600	800	11.9%	-1,100	-12.8%
Health Care/Social Assist.	40,400	40,300	40,100	100	0.3%	300	0.8%
Med/Surgical Hospitals	12,900	12,900	13,100	0	0.0%	-200	-1.5%
---Leisure & Hospitality	33,200	32,000	31,600	1,200	3.8%	1,600	5.1%
Arts/Entertnmt/Recn	6,800	6,400	6,700	400	6.3%	100	1.5%
Food Svcs/Drinkg Plcs	23,800	23,400	23,400	400	1.7%	400	1.7%
---Other Services	13,000	12,900	12,800	100	0.8%	200	1.6%
Government	36,100	35,900	35,900	200	0.6%	200	0.6%
---Federal Government	1,800	1,800	1,900	0	0.0%	-100	-5.3%
---State Government	4,500	4,500	4,400	0	0.0%	100	2.3%
---Local Government	29,800	29,600	29,600	200	0.7%	200	0.7%
Local Govt Educ Svcs	17,200	17,200	17,500	0	0.0%	-300	-1.7%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

## Applicant Pool

Top 20 Occupations  
Desired by Active Applicants  
on Their Resumes in the Past  
12 Months

- 1 Customer Service Representatives-673
- 2 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand-623
- 3 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other-583
- 4 Production Workers, All Other-544
- 5 Cashiers-423
- 6 Helpers--Production
- 7 Office Clerks, General-340
- 8 Administrative Services Managers-328
- 9 Managers, All Other-288
- 10 Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants-234
- 11 Construction Laborers-222
- 12 Maintenance and Repair Workers, General-220
- 13 Nursing Assistants-213
- 14 Retail Salespersons-203
- 15 Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks-196
- 16 Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other-194
- 17 Stock Clerks-Stockroom, Warehouse, or Storage Yard-190
- 18 Accountants-185
- 19 Receptionists and Information Clerk-182
- 20 Welders, Cutters, and Welder Fitters-168

Source: Indiana Department  
of Workforce Development,  
Indiana Career Connect

## Michigan City-LaPorte MSA Wage and Salaried Employment, April 2014

Industry	Apr-14	Mar-14	Apr-13	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
				Change	Change	Change	Change
				Mar-14 to April-14		April-13 to April-14	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>41,600</b>	<b>41,300</b>	<b>41,500</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
<b>Total Private Employment</b>	<b>34,600</b>	<b>34,400</b>	<b>34,400</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>9,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-3.2%</b>
---Mining, Logging, Constr	1,700	1,600	1,800	100	6.3%	-100	-5.6%
---Manufacturing	7,300	7,400	7,500	-100	-1.4%	-200	-2.7%
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	<b>32,600</b>	<b>32,300</b>	<b>32,200</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
Private Service Providing	25,600	25,400	25,100	200	0.8%	500	2.0%
---Trade, Transp, & Utilities	9,000	8,900	8,500	100	1.1%	500	5.9%
Wholesale Trade	1,400	1,400	1,300	0	0.0%	100	7.7%
Retail Trade	5,600	5,500	5,400	100	1.8%	200	3.7%
---Information	200	200	300	0	0.0%	-100	-33.3%
---Financial Activities	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Professional & Business	2,600	2,600	2,800	0	0.0%	-200	-7.1%
---Educational & Health	5,400	5,500	5,500	-100	-1.8%	-100	-1.8%
---Leisure & Hospitality	5,700	5,400	5,300	300	5.6%	400	7.6%
---Other Services	1,500	1,600	1,500	-100	-6.3%	0	0.0%
Government	7,000	6,900	7,100	100	1.5%	-100	-1.4%
---Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---State Government	2,200	2,200	2,300	0	0.0%	-100	-4.4%
---Local Government	4,600	4,500	4,600	100	2.2%	0	0.0%
Local Govt Educ Svcs	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

## Frequently Listed Jobs

Top 20 Job listings by number of openings in Region 1 for the month of April 2014

- 1 Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
- 2 Personal Care Aides
- 3 Customer Service Representatives
- 4 Laborers and Freight, Stock and Material Movers, Hand
- 5 Sales Representatives, Services, All Other
- 6 Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
- 7 Helpers--Production Worker
- 8 Social and Human Service Assistants
- 9 Cutting and Slicing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders
- 10 Registered Nurses
- 11 Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop
- 12 Home Health Aides
- 13 Industrial Machinery Mechanics
- 14 Security Guards
- 15 Production Workers, All Other
- 16 Retail Salespersons
- 17 Therapists, All Other
- 18 Cooks, Restaurant
- 19 Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers
- 20 Gaming Dealers

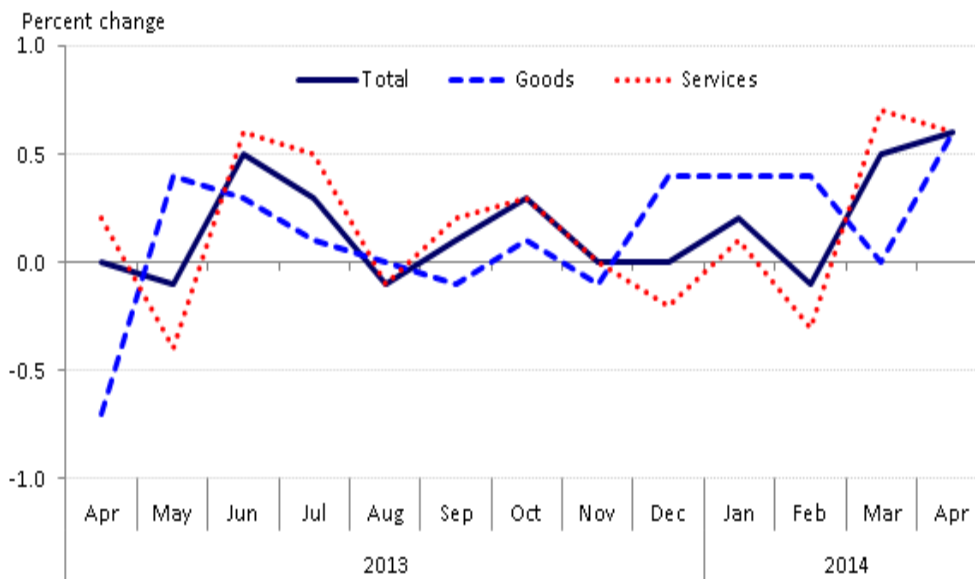
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

## Producer prices up 0.6 percent in April

(Excerpted from the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *The Editor's Desk* — May 16, 2014)

The Producer Price Index for final demand advanced 0.6 percent in April, seasonally adjusted, following a 0.5-percent rise in March and a 0.1-percent decline in February. The increase in final demand prices can be traced to the indexes for final demand goods and final demand services, both of which advanced 0.6 percent in April.

### 1-month percent changes in selected producer price indexes for final demand, seasonally adjusted



Leading the broad-based increase in the index for final demand goods was the index for final demand foods, which rose 2.7 percent. Prices for final demand goods less foods and energy and for final demand energy also increased in April, 0.3 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively. Much of the increase in the index for final demand services can be attributed to margins for final demand trade services, which climbed 1.4 percent in April.

Over the 12-month period from April 2013 to April 2014, the index for final demand moved up 2.1 percent, not seasonally adjusted, the largest 12-month advance since a 2.4-percent increase in March 2012. Over that same period, the index for final demand goods rose 2.5 percent and the index for final demand services rose 2.0 percent.

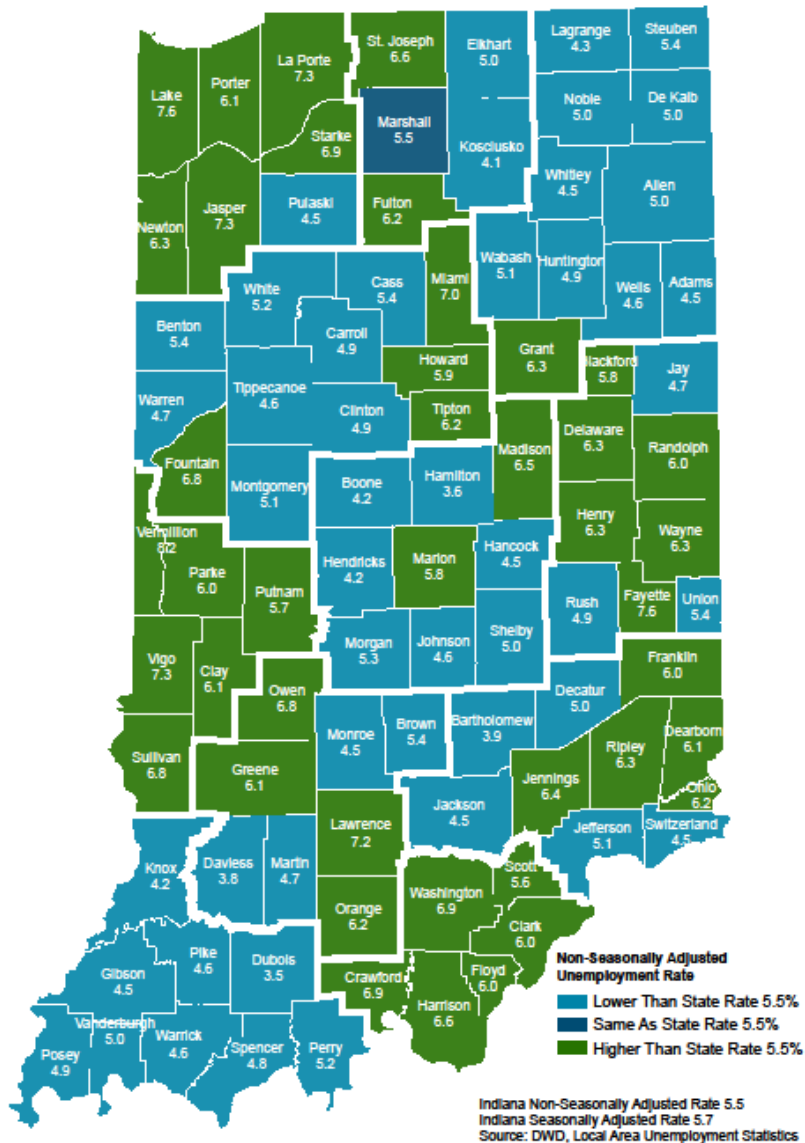
To view the entire BLS article including tables:

[http://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2014/ted\\_20140516.htm](http://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2014/ted_20140516.htm)

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